

Application No. 10/611,591
Response to Office Action of February 9, 2007

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Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 15-20 and 27-29 have been allowed. Claims 1-14 and 21-26 have been cancelled without prejudice. No claims have been amended, added, or withdrawn.

Objections to the Drawings

The Office action objected to FIGs. 3 and 8 because they contain text that is unreadable. The Applicant has submitted replacement FIGs 3 and 8. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to FIGs. 3 and 8 be withdrawn.

Objections to the Specification

The specification was objected to due to a number of informalities in a number of paragraphs. The Applicant has provided replacement paragraphs for the following paragraphs: 1, 16, 25, 27, 34, 42, 44, and 45. Thus, the Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections § 101

Claims 21-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 21-26 have been cancelled without prejudice and, thus, the rejection of claims 21-26 is moot.

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Claim Rejections § 102

Claims 1-14 and 21-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,697,360 issued to Gai et al (*Gai*). Claims 1-14 and 21-26 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, the rejection of claims 21-26 is moot.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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